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The **US Commission on International Religious Freedom** placed India on a watch list over alleged failure to prevent a “disturbing increase in communal violence” in the majority Hindu state.

“It is extremely disappointing that India, which has a multitude of religious communities, has done so little to protect and bring justice to its religious minorities under siege,” **said Leonard Leo, the commission’s chairman.**

In its annual report, the commission cited attacks against Christians in Orissa in 2008 and against Muslims in Gujarat in 2002.